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Consultation opens on proposals to save £500k from library budget

FREE internet usage for library users, extending the current outreach service, phasing out CD loans and changing the mobile library service are some of the proposals residents of Somerset are being asked to comment on.

Somerset County Council has proposed a number of changes to the Library Service that residents can now share their views on. None of the proposals will see any library buildings close but would save the authority nearly £500,000.

Information sessions will be held across the county giving people the opportunity to learn more about the proposed changes and what they will mean for their local library.

Proposals include seeing wi-fi installed in all libraries across the county, outreach services expanded for those who cannot visit a library, phasing out the lending of CDs, making changes to how the Performing Arts Library Service is delivered, introducing criteria for mobile library visits and exploring different ways that library services can be delivered, for example by social enterprises, charitable trusts or other organisations outside the council.

A number of internal changes to the management of the library service will also contribute to the savings.

Councillor David Hall, Cabinet Member with responsibility for libraries, said: "I encourage everyone in Somerset to complete the questionnaire that will be available online or from your local library from November 3rd to make sure your voice is heard about the proposed changes to library services.

"These proposals would enable us to continue to provide a high quality library service, whilst potentially saving the council nearly £500,000. Library buildings will remain open for all to enjoy, but as can be seen, there are still tough decisions to make. We are keen to hear your views which will help shape our final way forward."

The feedback from the consultation, open until January 11th 2015, will be used to create a final set of proposals to take to Somerset County Council's cabinet meeting in February 2015 where a final decision on the way forward is expected to be made.

To take part, the proposals and questionnaire can be accessed online at www.somerset.gov.uk/libraryconsultation, at libraries or mobile libraries or can be requested by emailing libraryservicereview@somerset.gov.uk

Speaking on the proposed changes, county councillor Linda Vijeh, who represents the Ilminster division, said: "Several years ago I fought long and hard to keep our local libraries open and, at that time, we were largely successful, albeit with shorter opening hours. In this latest round of county council funding cuts it does not come as any great surprise that libraries are once again in the firing line.

"I believe that mobile libraries provide a valuable service to our outlying villages, many of which I represent as a county councillor. The sad fact remains, however, that fewer and fewer people are either using libraries or accessing the mobile service; in some villages only a handful are using them each month.

"At a time when everyone is conscious of providing cost effective services and value for money for taxpayers, I can appreciate the need for re-considering the way in which our library service is delivered. However, I know that for many this will mean further isolation, which is why it is so important for everyone to respond to the consultation to make their views known, before it is too late.

"My understanding is that there are plans to expand the home delivery service and also to consider a scheme whereby 'registered borrowers' can borrow books on behalf of others.

"I am as guilty as the rest, as it has been a while since I last darkened the doors of my local library. In my case, being something of a book freak, with several thousands in my ownership, it is more to do with the opening hours and my extended working hours than any lack of desire to read a book. I've had a Kindle for three years and have not used it yet because to me there is nothing like the feel of a book in your hands!"

Website highlights services for those with special needs

A NEW website providing information and highlighting services for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities is being developed by Somerset County Council.

The website "Local Offer" is co-produced with input from Somerset Parent Carer Forum and incorporates feedback from parents, carers and young people with special education needs across Somerset and other local authorities.

The council wants to make sure that families and young people who have special educational needs and disabilities are able to easily access information about all the services available for them in their local area.

Councillor Frances Nicholson, Cabinet Member for Children and Families, said: "Our Local Offer has been produced with children and young adults and their families, and local service providers in mind. The website is still in its early days and needs feedback from people on how we can continue to improve it to meet the needs of those who will use it.

"I would also encourage any local organisations that provide a service for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities to visit the website and provide us with their information."

To add your details onto the website or to provide feedback, contact -@somerset.gov.uk. The website can be found at www.somerset.local-offer.org

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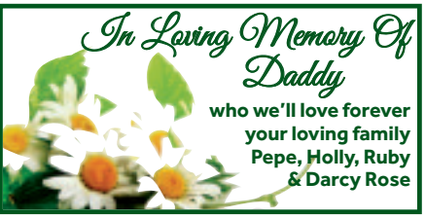

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Showbiz stars pay final respects to actress Lynda

FINAL farewells were made to actress and television star Lynda Bellingham when her funeral was held at St Bartholomew's Church in Crewkerne on Tuesday.

The actress, best known for her role during the 1980s and 1990s Oxo adverts, and more recently as a presenter of "Loose Women", died last month, aged 66, after a battle with colon cancer just days after she spoke publicly about ending her treatment.

Lynda's coffin was carried into church by her husband, Crewkerne resident Michael Pattemore, sons Michael and Robert, and step-son Bradley. Those attending the service included friends from the world of show business - fellow "Loose Women" stars Denise Welch, Jane McDonald, Andrea McLean, Kate Thornton and Coleen Nolan; Michael Redfern who played her husband in the Oxo adverts; actor Christopher Biggins who wore a bright pink suit, as well as Maureen Lipman, Julia Sawalha, Helen Worth of "Coronation Street", Robert Lindsay, Giles Brandeth and "Downton Abbey" writer Julian Fellowes.

During the service, led by Lynda's friend and former Archdeacon of London, Peter Delaney MBE, a moving letter written by Lynda to her two sons was read out, in which she told them: "You will make great lives for yourself. The terrible truth is I will not be there to enjoy it too. I'm sorry."

Mr Pattemore also read a poem which she had written about their relationship, adding that it was exactly 10 years to the day since they first met, and many of her celebrity friends also spoke in what Lynda hoped would be a joyful celebration.

Following her burial in Townsend Cemetery, the congregation watched fireworks set off from her graveside.

Nursery fined £80,000 after Crewkerne man died in work explosion

A HORTICULTURAL company has been fined after a worker from Crewkerne died and three others were seriously injured in an explosion while emptying a pressurised tank used to heat greenhouses.

Peter James, aged 67 of Southmead Terrace, Crewkerne, died of head injuries six days after the incident.

Two of his workmates had been asked to open the tank in preparation for upgrading work at a nursery at Bradon Farm, Isle Abbots, near Taunton, on May 11th 2010.

The incident was investigated by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE), which prosecuted Mr James' employer, Cantelo Nurseries Ltd, at Taunton Crown on October 24th.

The court heard that two workers were asked to unbolt a hatch cover from a pressure vessel while there was still pressure in the system.

This caused a devastating release of pressure that sent the hatch cover flying across the room followed by a large jet of water that swept everyone off their feet.

In addition to Mr James' fatal injuries, the three other men standing nearby suffered severe injuries.

Arek Kuchczynski, aged 29, was unconscious for two weeks following the incident and remained in hospital for many months after suffering injuries to his head and skull, and damage to his forearm, requiring three operations and a skin graft.

Roger Mees, a 43-year-old horticultural manager, suffered serious trauma to his head including a broken jaw, heavy bruising to his face, damage to his teeth, a cut across the nose, black eyes and a two-inch deep cut to his lip. Horticultural technician Radoslau Dimitov, aged 25, suffered a fractured arm.

HSE's investigation found that the work was not properly planned, that workers had not been properly trained or supervised, and that at least one of them spoke very little English, which made it difficult to understand instructions.

The court was told that the hatch should not have been removed until all the pressure had been safely released from the system.

Cantelo Nurseries Ltd pleaded guilty to two breaches of health and safety legislation and was fined a total of £80,000 and ordered to pay £59,812 in costs.

HSE Inspector Christine Haberfield, speaking after the hearing, said: "This tragic incident has cost one man his life and changed the lives of many other people forever.

"There were simple, sensible and proportionate steps, such as releasing the pressure in the tanks, that could – and should – have been taken to do the work safely.

"All that was needed was a little thought beforehand to ensure that the work was properly planned, carried out by competent people and supervised. Had this been done, this tragedy could have been avoided.

"All employers must ensure any task of this nature, indeed any maintenance or repair task, is properly planned and considered to ensure that sensible precautions can be taken. That includes ensuring all sources of energy are isolated before work begins."

Lions fund defibrillator

WHEN West One Surgery voiced the need for a defibrillator that would be accessible to the public 24/7, the Lions Club of Crewkerne sprang into action.

Through a mixture of fund raising events, the target of £2,750 was reached and the potentially life-saving piece of equipment has now been placed on the wall of the West One building in Crewkerne.

Lion Wendy Broom said: "It's great to know that this is available whenever needed by the people of Crewkerne."

Dr Osborne told the Lions that the company that produced the equipment has pledged to replace the batteries whenever it is used and if it saves a person's life, they will donate another machine to be placed where the saved person is from.

Recognising the importance of access to these machines, Lions across the country are putting defibrillators in schools, public phone boxes and other readily available places.

Crewkerne Lions are now busy fundraising for their next life-saving device, a pod used to safely transport babies in the new air ambulance being built.

Funds are being raised with the Tree of Lights, a Christmas tree located outside The Antiques Bazaar, Kit Hill, covered in white lights. People are asked to sponsor a light in memory of a person that is no longer with us and will then be sent a card inviting them to a special lighting up ceremony where all those remembered will be placed on a roll of honour next to the tree.

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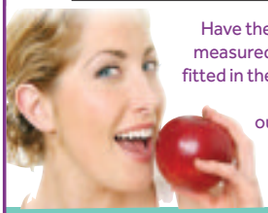

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Residents asked to have their say on buses

BUS users of services subsidised by Somerset County Council are being urged to have their say on proposed changes to some routes.

The consultation is now open and closes on December 29th. If approved, the proposals will come into effect from May 2015.

They would see Demand Responsive Transport, which some people will know as the Slinky bus, be routed to encompass areas which are, or will no longer be, served by traditional subsidised public transport.

These community-based, door-to-door transport services are used by members of the public who cannot access main public transport routes. Users would still have to register to use the service.

The council wants to improve efficiency and value for money for the taxpayer for both types of bus service. Routes have been identified for change because either:

1The current service has a low level of passenger use

● Other transport services are available on other days of the week

● Alternative services are on offer in that location

● Commercial services may be available in that area in the future.

Routes ear-marked for potential changes are as follows:

● Taunton to Wells, where we are proposing to withdraw our funding for a Monday to Saturday service. The commercial element of the service will be unaffected.

● A withdrawal of council-supported services on Saturdays only is proposed for the following routes: Yeovil to Shepton Mallett (1), Bridgwater Town Services (6), Huish Episcopi – Langport – Bridgwater (16), Bridgwater to Street (19), Taunton to Dulverton (25), Athelney – Stoke St Gregory – Taunton (51), Wells – Shepton Mallett – Frome (161), Frome – Midsomer Norton (424), Shipham to Street (668), Shepton Mallett to Glastonbury (669), Shepton Mallett to Midsomer Norton (776), Ilminster and Martock area Demand Responsive Transport linking to N10 (N6), and West Coker to Yeovil (N8)

● A 50 per cent withdrawal of council funding for supported Saturday journeys are proposed for Chard to Yeovil (99) and Wincanton to Street (667)

● The council is considering replacing supported services with routed Demand Responsive Transport services for: Donyatt to Crewkerne (9), Langley Marsh to Wellington (10), Bincombe to Bridgwater (18), Shipham to Weston Super Mare (491), Bishopswood to Ilminster (608), Alhampton to Strode College (647) and Bishops Lydeard - Wellington – Taunton (9A)

● A full withdrawal of bus service 102, Bridgwater to Weston Super Mare, is proposed as a number of alternative services already exist in the area.

The results of the consultation will be presented to Somerset County Council's Cabinet to assist them in making a final decision on any service changes to be introduced in May 2015.

Councillor Harvey Siggs, Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, said: "The ongoing and harsh reality we face as a County Council is that our Central Government funding to run local services is being reduced, which leaves us no option but to review all our services.

"These plans are about making our supported bus services more effective, particularly where there are currently low levels of passenger use.

"We need as many people as possible who use these bus services to come forward and have their say before the consultation closes on Monday, December 29th."

You can complete the consultation online at www.somerset.gov.uk/bussurvey or you can receive a hard copy by calling Somerset direct on 0845 3459 155.

Gardeners wanted for In Bloom competition

GARDENERS are being encouraged to join forces with Chard Town Council for the South West in Bloom campaign.

A town council spokesperson said: "The flower beds and hanging baskets in and around town this year were very attractive and a lot of positive feedback has been received. With your help we can do even better."

Volunteers are needed to form an In Bloom committee, which could encourage participation across a wide sector of the community, attract support and sponsorship and keep an eye on standards and progress.

As well as South West in Bloom there are two other smaller schemes - the Pennant Award and the It's Your Neighbourhood scheme, which is aimed at smaller groups such as gardening or horticultural clubs.

The town council would be able to assist the new voluntary group with ideas on how to take the project forward and also help with planting but as the emphasis is more focused on community involvement, this is not something that can be council-led.

For further information, contact Ed Ringwood at Chard Town Council on 01460 239567.

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Trick or treat night a spooktacular success

Photos by GARY SHORTLAND

CHARD Town Team's Children s Trick or Treat Night was a roaring success as hundreds of children and parents visited a vast range of participating businesses on October 31st.

Trick or treating began at Chard Guildhall and there were plenty of other activities and attractions on the night, including spooky makeovers and performances from the Kelly Leigh Dancers.

Those in attendance displayed eye-catching costumes, and money raised on the night will be given to this year's chosen worthy cause, Chard Area Youth Committee.

Chard Town Team was formed as a forum for local people and businesses interested in making Chard a more vibrant place to live in and visit.

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■ CHEQUE MATES: From left to right, Roy Guppy, Natalie Saul, Wendy Guppy, Celia Guppy

Donations for air ambulance after successful auction raises £3,500

MONEY raised at an auction of promises in May has recently been donated to the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance.

The aution was held at the Tatworth Memorial Hall in aid of the Tatworth community defibrillator fund and the air ambulance.

Over 80 people came along to support the event. Will Handle, auctioneer from Greenslade Taylor Hunt, kindly provided his professional skills and got the evening off to a grand start with the bidding, while Natalie Saul and Andrew Newman from Lloyds Bank helped by clerking the bids as they were taken and dealing with the payments.

Lloyds has also generously donated a further £1,000 directly to the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance through The Lloyds Bank Foundation.

After the auction, everyone enjoyed a complimentary buffet and the evening finished with a raffle and lots of happy winners.

Due to the hard work and personal commitment of many people, especially Roy Guppy, who came up with the idea of an auction, the event was a great success and raised £3,504.

Organiser Celia Guppy said: "Each person involved in the auction was so important, from the people who gifted a promise or gave a donation, to the people who went out and asked for gifts, from bidders and buyers who helped increase the profits to everyone who purchased raffle tickets. A massive thank you to each and every one of you".

Organisers paid the remaining £1,186 for the community defibrillator, which is now mounted outside Tatworth Memorial Hall and is accessible to everyone. They have now also donated £3,318 to the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance.

The organisers would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped make the auction of promises such a great success.

Tennis club awarded £50,000 for new clubhouse and floodlit court

By Anders Larsson
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CHARD Tennis Club has been awarded a £51,000 Sport England grant.

The money will be used to build a new clubhouse and install new floodlights on one court, meaning the club would have three floodlit courts.

The new clubhouse would also be accessible for the disabled and replace the current tiny facility with no windows and a minute outside toilet.

Sport England's property director, Charles Johnston, said: "The Inspired Facilities Fund has made a huge impact on grassroots sports since its inception, and remains one of our most popular funds. Since 2011, we have invested £94million into 1,800 projects to improve and refurbish existing sports facilities all over the country."

"This funding will create a long-lasting impact for these grassroots clubs and projects in Somerset, and we are looking forward to seeing these facility improvements make a huge difference to their local communities, and to help more people to play sport."

Minister for Sport, Helen Grant, added: "Having good sport facilities on people's doorsteps is crucial to encourage more people to take up sport and get active. The latest £10million investment of lottery money from the Inspired Facilities Fund will help improve and maintain grassroots sports clubs across the country, benefitting communities for generations to come."

The latest Inspired Facilities awards compliments Sport England's wider strategy of facility funding. Thirty-six projects across England were recently awarded a share of £12.5million of National Lottery funding from the third round of the Improvement Fund, while so far Sport England has invested over £1million into 271 projects as part of the flood relief fund to help get clubs up and running again after last year's bad weather. To find out more about any of our funding programmes, visit www.sportengland.org/funding/

Community and voluntary organisations are able to bid for grants of between £20,000 and £75,000, with other organisations such as councils and schools able to apply for grants of up to £150,000.

Remembrance service for former school pupils

FOR a small school, Chard lost a disproportionate number of young men, not only during the First World War but also during the Second, many of whom were fresh out of school.

Their names are now enshrined in perpetuity in rolls of honour in the school chapel and, this year, a special service led by the head Chard School, Paul Cawley-Wakefield, supported by members of the former pupils' Old Cerdics Association, will be held in the chapel on Tuesday, November 11th to mark the 100th anniversary of WWI.

Prior to the two-minute silence at 11am, the school flag will be formally lowered to half mast by one of the present pupils. Former president of the Old Cerdics Association, Air Commodore Nigel Griffiths RAF (Retired), will read out the names of the fallen during the service that will include familiar hymns and poems read by the pupils.

There is an open invitation to all former pupils/Old Cerdics, of all ages, to attend this service in honour of their forebears.

Boxing up some Christmas spirit

CREWKERNE Methodist Church is taking part in the Operations Christmads Child campaign, organised by charity Smaritan's Purse, by donating shoe boxes of gifts and useful items to under-privileged children. Pictured above are Anne Freebury, eight-year-old Zoe Morvan and Sylvia Hodge with some of the donated boxes.

Photo by STEVE MONK IMAGES

Time for a coffee break!

DESERVED BREAK: Station friends Gail Coleshill, Heather Sergeant, Tony Reese, Mike and Sue Frackiewicz, Stuart Roberts, Henryk Ploszek, Ally Sperinck, Jo Spiteler

VOLUNTEERS from the Friends of Crewkerne Station have taken to meeting for a coffee after their work at the new café in the old Weigh House at the station entrance.

The Weigh House, where you can still see the old weigh bridge mechanics and where you can take your seat on the old weighbridge outside, has been turned into a café making for a useful pit-stop for rail passengers and passer-by.

The Friends of Crewkerne Station are now able to go for a coffee and slice of cake after their morning's work tidying up and improving the station.

Member Heather Sergeant said: "It's wonderful to be able to go for a coffee after our work – and the cakes are so tempting."

The station entrance has recently been the centre of a dispute between the county highways department and a local housing developer, adding further delay to repairs to the road surface and replacing the temporary diverted station entrance, which was put in place more than two years ago.

The station entrance will be a subject for discussion at the Friends' annual general meeting in the council chamber at the Town Hall on Wednesday, November 12th at 7.30pm. Guest speakers will be representatives from Templecombe Station Friends.

Songs of Praise raises £700

THE Reverends Jonathan Morris and Tim Hall led a "Songs of Praise" event in St Bartholomew's Church, Crewkerne, on Sunday, November 2nd.

The event was organised by the Rotary Club of Crewkerne and an enthusiastic congregation joined together in singing nine rousing hymns and were accompanied by the Yeovil Salvation Army.

The event raised money for the charity Link International Innovation, based in Llandudno, which is responsible for constructing and running dental and medical clinics in Uganda and giving young people from the UK the chance to experience life and work in one of the poorest yet most resourceful countries in the world.

The Reverend Hall gave a powerful presentation on the history and work of the charity and the event raised nearly £700 towards the cost of a generator for their clinic near Kampala.

Museum hosts annual art show

CREWKERNE Museum's annual Art in the Museum exhibition opens to the public on Saturday, November 8th.

Apart from exhibits by more than 10 artists, the exhibition will also feature work by pupils of three local schools as part of the museum's National Lottery-funded Hooves, Paws and Claws project.

The exhibition will run until Saturda,y November 29th from 11am to 2pm daily, except Sundays.

Stalls available for Christmas fair

DO you make something unusual? Would you like to sell to the public?

There are just a few tables left for the Christmas craft fair which takes place during the annual Lighting-Up event in Crewkerne on Friday, November 28th from 5pm.

The craft fair, organised by the Crewkerne Christmas Committee, is a very popular part of the Lighting-Up event and attracts many visitors.

Those interested in booking a stall should contact Annette on 01460 74001 or email annette.roffey@crewkerne-tc.gov.uk

Harvest supper raises £700

ASHILL held its annual harvest meal this year, switching from the usual supper to lunch in view of the darker nights.

More than 60 residents attended to enjoy a homecooked meal of both hot and cold dishes, and a wide range of puddings. The afternoon concluded with entertainment led by David Sutcliffe and his band.

Local councillor Linda Vijeh, who attended the lunch, commented: "I always enjoy participating in local village events. This is what makes a community come alive, and it also means that I don't have to cook or do the washing up!"

The event raised £677 in total, being evenly split between Ilminster Food Bank and Ashill church.

Step back in time for Victorian night

ILMINSTER will go back in time for a Victorian evening on Friday, November 21st.

Entertainment at this year's event will include singing by local schoolchildren throughout the day, a children's lantern parade from Greenfylde School ton the Square at 6.30pm, food stalls including a hog roast provided by Gemini Carnival Club, mince pies from Bilbys and hot chestnuts, as well as traditional games outside Co-operative.

Music will be provided by Yeovil Salvation Army, HMS Heron Navy band, Ilminster Town Band and the Serenade Choir. There will also be a puppet show in front of the Baker & Duke offices.

All are invited to dress in period costume for the occasion with the chance to win £100 to spend in local shops, many of which will be open late on the night.

Christmas demo for flower club

ILE Valley Flower Club is to hold an open meeting at The Warehouse Theatre in Ilminster on Tuesday, November 11th.

The theme is "What Christmas Does For Me", by a national demonstrator from Longhope

The meeting starts at 7.30pm, and doors open at 6.30pm. There will be sales table and refreshments beforehand. Tickets for visitors are £10, available from Lanes Garden Shop in Ilminster or by phoning 01460 75025/77233.

Councillor funds first aid course

COUNTY councillor for the Ilminster division, Linda Vijeh, met with British Red Cross area manager Heidi Ling this week to hand over a cheque for £3,992 to provide free certified first aid training for up to 300 local people.

Councillor Vijeh commented: "For the past two years Somerset County Council has allocated up to £5,000 to each councillor from the Health & Wellbeing Fund. Last year, I gave £1,000 to each of the five schools in my division and this year I decided that the money would be well spent to benefit the wider community.

"I discussed the idea with local residents and organisations and was delighted that it met with universal approval.

"What has been more challenging, though, is actually organising the venues and dates. I am lucky that, with a bit of arm twisting, I have been able to persuade Diane Bale to help with the administrative sides of things."

There are two confirmed courses with up to 30 places available on each being held at The Shrubbery Hotel on Novemver 25th and December 2nd. Further courses in other local venues are being arranged and details will be available in due course.

■ **FIRST AID FOR ALL: Councillor Linda Vijeh presents a cheque for £3,992 to Heidi Ling of the Red Cross**

Any group or individual interested in hosting a course or attending one, contact Diane on 07545 787 324 or email dbale1965@gmail.com

What's New Pussycat?

APOLOGIES for last week incorrectly reporting that pre-Christmas musical "What's New Pussycat?", based on family favourite "Puss in Boots", would be presented by Barrington Amateur Theatre Society.

The play is actually being produced by ***Broadway Amateur Theatrical Society***, also known as BATS, from Thursday, November 20th to Saturday 22nd at Broadway Village Hall, 7.30pm each night with a matinee at 2.30pm on the Saturday. Apologies for any confusion caused.

The play will include a number of popular hit songs. Tickets cost £6 for adults and £3 for children and are available from the cast, Carol on 01460 53968, Novahomes in Chard on 01460 64111 and from Horton Post Office & Village Shop on 01460 52684.

Work starts on Beacon a week earlier than first planned

MAJOR works are underway to rebuild a road near Ilminster which has been closed since February.

Work started on Monday – a week earlier than originally planned – and providing there are no unseen problems or extreme bad weather, it means the B3168 at The Beacon should be repaired and reopened in time for Christmas.

The road was first closed for safety reasons earlier this year when prolonged heavy rain caused the road to move and there were concerns for the safety of drivers.

Since then Somerset County Council has carried out extensive geological surveys and found two areas where major works are needed.

The repairs, which include a full reconstruction of the highway and footways and a new drainage system, are expected to take around seven weeks to complete.

Excavation work for the new drainage system which would usually take up to four weeks to complete should be complete in just four days thanks to machinery brought in especially for this scheme.

Councillor Harvey Siggs, Somerset County Council's Cabinet Member for Highways, said: "It is great to hear that we have started work to rebuild the B3168 and we are confident that it will be open before Christmas due to new techniques and machinery that we are using."

"I understand that the road closure has been frustrating, but thanks to an extensive investigation we were able to discover exactly what caused the road to slip and are now able to repair it and reinforce the strength of the road in a relatively short amount of time.

"I'd like to thank all of the teams who have worked determinedly over the past months. It has taken a lot of hard work and they deserve recognition for finding a solution which will protect the road in the future."

Shrubbery hosts Conservative dinner

■ LOCAL councillor Linda Vijeh and Conservative prospective parliamentary candidate, Marcus Fysh. Below, Kevin Newton and Terry Bate

THE Shrubbery Hotel in Ilminster was the venue for Yeovil Constituency Conservative Association's annual fundraising dinner.

Members and guests were joined by association president Terry Bate and chairman Paul Bradly.

In addition to feasting on a trio of smoked fish, roast beef and profiteroles, they were encouraged to bid for auction items ranging from a wine tasting to weekends in London and Normandy, and a House of Commons Christmas pudding.

There was also the opportunity for members to meet Conservative prospective parliamentary candidate for Yeovil, Marcus Fysh, his campaign manager Harriet Carr and the new owner of The Shrubbery Hotel, Kevin Newton.

The auction, along with a raffle, raised over £2,000 for the party's fighting fund for next year's elections.

■ ZOE Roberts and Byron Hastings

■ DOROTHY Tozer and Trisha Perry and, below, Josh Williams and Anna-Maria Lenz

Two local butchers hope to bag awards

BUTCHERS from Ilminster and Crewkerne are among those hoping to bag honours in the annual Q Guild Smithfield Awards.

A total of 479 products from 54 Q-affiliated butchers nationwide have been entered for this year's showcase.

Bonners of Ilminster has six products up for consideration - traditional pork sausage, Scotch egg, steak and blue vinney pie, sausage roll, chicken roast, and lamb and mint parcel.

Barrett Bros Butchers, of Crewkerne, has put forward four products - marinated spatchcock chicken, home dry cured back bacon, pastrami, and Somerset tex mex burger.

There are eight product categories - sausages, burgers, ready to eat meat and roasts, bacon and cured products, pies and bakery, both hot and cold, kitchen ready products, and ready meals.

All entrants will be hoping to pick-up gold awards, all of which will qualify for standalone top-rated diamond awards given to individual product category winners, along with EBLEX awards for the best English beef and lamb products, BPEX awards for the best English pork and bacon products, plus Quality Meat Scotland awards for the best Scotch beef and lamb products.

In addition, an overall Smithfield Awards supreme champion will emerge and earn the bragging rights that go with this ultimate accolade!

Judging by panels of food and meat industry enthusiasts has now taken place and awards will be announced and presented at the Butchers Hall in Smithfield, London, on Thursday, November 13th by Matthew Fort, food and drink editor at The Guardian for over a decade, author of several award-winning books on food, and expert judge on the popular TV series "The Great British Menu".

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Inspirational youngsters and volunteers awarded Gold Stars

INSPIRATIONAL young people from across South Somerset and volunteers who work with them were praised at this year's Gold Star Awards, held in the Octagon Theatre in Yeovil.

The red carpet was rolled out for the event and nine closely contested awards were presented, alongside performances by talented young people from Acrofusion, Castaways Theatre Group and Orchard Gymnastics.

The final performance by Violet Weekend, a three piece indie band from Crewkerne and Yeovil, got the enthusiastic crowd clapping along to their melodic songs.

In an evening of numerous highlights there were many popular winners with rousingly loud ovations awarded to Somerset ACF Tug of War Team, who won the Junior Club of the Year after being crowned national champions, and Derrick Mapletoft who won the Lifetime Achievement Award following 28 years of dedicated service to Pen Mill Football Club.

The audience also heard of young people showing extreme bravery to battle adversity. Against the Odds Winner, Lewis Edon, is fighting a rare bone cancer but is always the first to help other people by taking part in sponsored walks and by being a positive role model to his friends and school colleagues.

The audience also heard how the winner of the Young Carer Award, Megan Hughes, has been looking after her mother since she was aged seven and continues to be a popular house captain at school.

Steve Barnes, the Young Peoples Officer at South Somerset District Council, explained more about the idea behind the event: "The Gold Star Awards shows just how many incredible individuals and groups there are making a huge difference in their communities. Although we were only able to hand out ten awards, everyone receiving a nomination deserves to be recognised."

Councillor Sylvia Seal, South Somerset District Council's Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Culture, added: "Through training and financial support South Somerset District Council is committed to supporting young people year round and this awards ceremony is our reward for so many local heroes.

"Without these dedicated volunteers, coaches and young people many of the rural villages would not have the clubs, facilities and activities that are the lifeblood of their communities. This event is about giving something back to these people as well as sharing some remarkably inspirational stories."

Winners were as follows:

Against the Odds - Lewis Edon; Contribution to the Arts - Jack Osmond, Junior Club of the Year - Avishayes Combe Youth Football Club and Somerset ACF Tug of War Team; Inspirational Young Person of the Year - Lucy Bennett; Young Achiever - Sam Dunning; Sports Coach of the Year - Pete Clements; Young Sports Performer of the Year - Bradley Axe; Young Carer - Megan Hughes; Lifetime Achievement Award - Derrick Mapletoft.

GOLD STARS: Civic dignitaries, award sponsors and winners of the Gold Star Awards 2014. Left, a representative of Avishayes Combe Youth Football Club, based near Chard

MP back petition against bank closure

LOCAL MP David Laws has announced he is joining the campaign to keep the South Petherton branch of NatWest open and has backed a petition of 900 signatures.

After last week speaking about his concern over the possible closure of the branch in January 2015, Liberal Democrat Mr Laws met with concerned residents and was briefed on the potentially damaging impact of the closure. A petition of almost 900 names has been collected in a very short period of time.

Mr Laws commented: "I strongly support the campaign to keep open the NatWest branch in South Petherton. This branch appears to be very well used, and I do not understand why the bank wants to close it. I wonder whether senior executives are using out of date figures on customer volumes, as the numbers of people using the branch seem to have increased since the closure of the Martock branch just a few months ago.

"Many people in South Petherton and the surrounding area have told me how angry they are about these planned changes – particularly as some people were apparently told that they could use the South Petherton branch when the Martock branch was closed down.

"I have written to the bank's chief executive calling for a re-think and requesting a meeting with senior managers to discuss this matter.

"I urge anyone who is concerned about this planned closure to contact me, so that I have as much support as possible for the campaign and as much detail as possible of how the planned closure would impact on local residents and local businesses."

Mr Laws will be meetign with residents again at 1pm on Thursday, November 6th to receive the petition at The Butchers Shop on St James' Street.

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2) TRY to make sure you take some healthy food to school. Pick snack foods that boost your health, such as fresh fruit and low-fat dairy products. Also, try to drink water throughout the day - this will help to keep you active and your brain sharp.

3) THROW yourself fully into any sports or exercise you do. Go on, blow away those cobwebs!

4) PAY attention to the way you sit in your chair at your desk or assemblies. Try to sit as straight as possible. Good posture is great for your back and great training for later life! It will also help you to feel more alert and you'll be more comfortable.

5) IF YOU walk or cycle home from school, remember to make sure you're seen. Wear bright clothing or reflective stickers and try to buddy up with someone who lives near you so you're not on your own.

6) IF YOU get homework to do, just try and get it done as soon as possible. The longer you leave things, the worse they feel and the bigger the job seems. Do it straightaway, and then you can relax and enjoy yourself without the thought of it bothering you.

7) ALWAYS prepare for the next school day where you can. Put anything you need to take in your bag and lay out your clothes ready. Being prepared always helps to keep you feeling on top of things and much more relaxed.

8) GET as much sleep as you can. School can be tiring and if you're getting up early and running around a lot of the day, you need to recharge. Make a set time to go to bed at night - this way you're less likely to have problems sleeping. Then you'll be raring to get back to school the next day!

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How to be your child's (and

WHEN a child asks a factual question, the automatic response from any parent is to answer it - if they can.

But often, argues the former children's laureate Michael Rosen, instead of simply being told the answer, a child can learn a lot more by finding out the answer themself.

So if a child asks, "Why is the sky blue?" his mum or dad - even if they know the answer - might do well to say "I don't know. I wonder how we can find out?"

Bestselling children's author Rosen explains that much of children's learning should be about the world around them, and their parents can make learning about that world much more exciting - and learn a lot themselves in the process - if they point children in the right direction to discover more about it.

To help show mums and dads what he means, Rosen has written a book - for adults, rather than children - called Good Ideas: How To Be Your Child's (and Your Own) Best Teacher.

In order to be such a teacher, Rosen stresses that the message parents need to give to children is: "Be curious. There's nothing out there, whether it's knowledge, culture, high-brow or low-brow things, that you're not entitled to.

Rosen says that when he was young, like many children, he used various memory techniques to learn things off by heart.

But he points out: "It didn't teach me how to find things that I really wanted to learn about.

"It didn't take me down interesting side-alleys where I would find things that I didn't know I would be interested in until I found them."

He says such "invisible learning" helps children massively at school, as such a breadth of general knowledge is always useful.

As its name suggests, his book is crammed with good, practical ideas, plus games and activities, for parents to use to capitalise on life's learning opportunities in a way that's fun for both them and their children.

It's asking, explains Rosen: "Where is the stuff we might want to know?"

And the answer is everywhere.

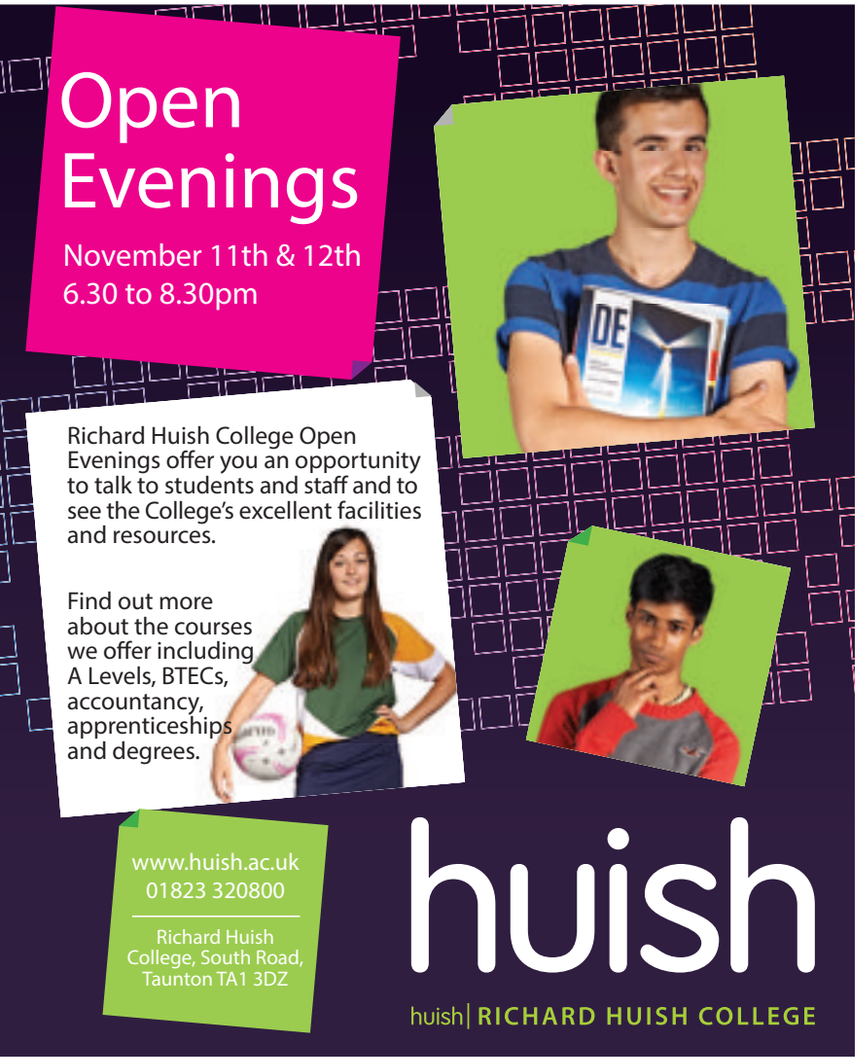
Take the kitchen, for example. Most people understandably think of the kitchen as just being a place to prepare food.

But Rosen, a seasoned father-of-five, points out: "Your kitchen, whatever it's like, is the best classroom ever invented."

He explains that kitchens are laboratories, as cooking uses physics (heat, light, microwaves, refrigeration), chemistry (mixing), biology (ingredients), and maths (weighing, measuring, timing, buying, calculating,estimating).

And on top of the science, there's culture and tradition, and the opportunity to share stories about family - as Rosen often does in the book.

Not forgetting, of course, the actual cooking, where literacy is needed to read recipes, as well as some im-



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provisation within the chemistry of creating dishes.

Rosen explains that every time something goes wrong in the kitchen, we use science to figure out why.

"It's vitally important to share this bit of thinking with our children: was it too hot, not hot enough, did we cook it too long, or was there too much flour in it?

"But how does cooking work anyway?"

Rosen looks at all areas of life in the book, ranging from the beach, woods and the sky, to railway stations, days out and going abroad on holiday, where exploring the differences and similarities in a foreign land, ranging from language and food, to history and culture, can teach children valuable life lessons.

He says he finds it "distressing" when he hears children ask parents questions and they respond with a request not to bother them.

"That gulf can be bridged with a conversation about whatever it is the child's asking about," he suggests.

"If you can't answer the question, it doesn't matter because you can say, 'I wonder how we can find out?'

"One of the most important things you can show children is that the stuff they want to know can be found out.

The author explains that parents can show children there are ways of finding the answers to their questions, whether that be through the internet, books or the library.

"If you do know, you can sometimes say, but quite often if you give children the answer straight away, they just switch off."

"The job of a parent is to open those doors, and show they're not hidden. Find enjoyable and fun ways of exploring life."

Rosen urges parents to always take children's questions seriously, and never dismiss them.

"It's very easy to put children down, treating them as if they're smaller, less worthwhile versions of ourselves. That doesn't help their learning - it discourages them massively, and we should do just the opposite."

And he promises: "It's exciting taking part in your child's growth and development, and this approach is a fantastic way to enjoy them doing well.

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Millions of people each year stop what they are doing and observe a Two Minute Silence at 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month, commemorating the original Armistice of 1918 which signalled the 'stilling of arms' and led to the formal end to the First World War (eventually signed in 1919).

When we bow our heads in reflection, we remember those who fought for our freedom during the two World Wars. But we also mourn and honour those who have lost their lives in more recent conflicts. Today, with troops on duty in Afghanistan and other trouble spots around the world, Remembrance, and the two minute tribute, are as important as ever.

Poppy Appeal Single

GRAMMY and Brit Award singer Joss Stone has teamed up with guitar legend Jeff Beck to record this year's official Poppy Appeal single.

The single is a soulful cover of *'No Man's Land (Green Fields of France)'*, written in 1976 by Scottish-born folk singer-songwriter Eric Bogle. Reflecting on the grave of a young man (Willie McBride) who died during the First World War, its chorus refers to two famous pieces of military music, 'The Last Post' and 'The Flowers of the Forest'.

Although the song speaks of the destiny of one soldier in particular, the song was chosen by Joss and Jeff because of the way it honestly reflected the terrible fate of so many.

Joss Stone said: "The song is about a soldier, Willie McBride, but when we started looking into who Willie was, we found no less than three men that it could have been - then we realised that finding him was not actually as important as what he and this song stand for, peace and the sacrifice made by so many."

'No Man's Land (Green Fields of France)' is available to buy now.

The story of the Poppy

DURING the First World War (1914–1918) much of the fighting took place in Western Europe. Previously beautiful countryside was blasted, bombed and fought over, again and again. The landscape swiftly turned to fields of mud, bleak and barren scenes where little or nothing could grow.

Bright red Flanders poppies (Papaver rhoeas) however, were delicate but resilient flowers and grew in their thousands, flourishing even in the middle of chaos and destruction. In the spring of 1915, shortly after losing a friend in Ypres, a Canadian doctor, Lt Col John McCrae was inspired by the sight of poppies to write a now famous poem called "In Flanders Fields".

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O'Hooley and Tidow play at The David Hall, South Petherton on Saturday, November 15th at 8pm. Tickets are £13, available online at www.thedavidhall.org.uk or call 01460 240340.

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SATURDAY NOVEMBER 8TH

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CHISELBOROUGH: Autumn Market at Chiselborough Village Hall. 11am-2.30pm. Start your Christmas shopping early. Lots of stalls, raffle. Lunches served from 12noon.

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MISTERTON: Jumble Sale at WI Hall, 2-4pm. Variety of goods all at reasonable prizes; also good as new stall. Light refreshments. Enq. 01460 74808.

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 9TH

CHARD: Quiz at Lordleaze Hotel, 7.30pm. Teams of up to 4 invited to take part in this regular quiz, all proceeds to Chard History Group. Raffle and prizes for the winners. Entry fee £6 per team.

MONDAY NOVEMBER 10TH

CREWKERNE: A Bridge Club is beginning at The Henhayes Community Centre from 2pm to 3pm on Monday 10th November. Please contact 01460 74340 if you are interested in joining.

MISTERTON: Christmas Bingo for Misterton based organisations at the Village Hall. Doors open 6.30pm, eyes down 7.30pm. Great prizes, raffle, tombola.

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 11TH

CHARD: Chard WI Meeting at 7.30pm at the Baptist Church Hall, Holyrood Street. Visitors and new members welcome. 2nd Tuesday of every month (Excluding August).

ILMINSTER: The Ile Valley Flower Club welcomes visitors to the open night at the Warehouse Theatre Ilminster. The national demonstrater Bob Harris will entertain with a title " What Christmas Does To Me" 7pm for 7.30pm start. Tickets £10 either from Lanes Garden Shop Ilminster or by contacting 01460 75025/77233

CREWKERNE: Tuesday Welcome Group at Henhayes Centre. £1 per session. For people 70/80+ who like to meet other people and enjoy a few activities like painting, pottery, music, quizzes and occasional bingo. Transport can be arranged and a cooked meal can be purchased from £3.50. Takeaway meals are available.

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WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 12TH

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THE SKELETON TWINS 15
Having both coincidentally cheated death on the same day, estranged twins reunite with the possibility of mending their relationship.
Stars Kristen Wiig, Bill Hader and Luke Wilson.

Diary Dates

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 13TH

CHARD: Chard RNA will be holding their monthly meeting at the Chard Conservative Club at 7.30pm. The meeting will be an open meeting whereby anyone interested in maybe joining the association can attend and make the necessary enquiries they may have. Any enquiries will welcome and whether information about the Association can be made via the official website royal-naval-association.co.uk or by ringing Paula Moon (chairman) 01460 929041

CREWKERNE: Over 50s Keep Fit at Henhayes Centre. Class begins at 10am and costs £2.50 for members and £3.50 for non-members.

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 14TH

CLAPTON: Clapton & Wayford Village Hall - lunch club, mid-day for 12.30pm start. All welcome, but please book in advance by phoning 01460 77057.

CLAPTON: Clapton & Wayford Village Hall – Take Art event: the very popular Buffalo Gals 'Old-Time Country String Band' make a welcome return at 7.30pm. There will be a raffle and Licensed Bar. To avoid disappointment, tickets - £12 including a hot supper – must be booked in advance please on 01460 74849 or 01460 72769

CHARD: FREE Cooking and Eating when pregnant classes with HALFF (Health and Local Food for Families) at The Children's Centre, Clare House, Milfield from 9:30 to 11:00. A course of 3 practical sessions for Mums to be, including tasty recipes, nutrition for you and your unborn child, breast feeding, weaning and more! To guarantee a place contact laura@halff.org.uk or call HALFF on 01297 631782 for more information.

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SATURDAY NOVEMBER 15TH

CREWKERNE: Live music from The Emperials at George Reynolds Centre, 9pm start.

CREWKERNE: Table Top Sale at The Henhayes Community Centre - 9am to 12noon

WHITELACKINGTON: Christmas Fayre at the village hall (TA19 9EF), 10am-2pm. Craft and gift stalls.

MONDAY NOVEMBER 17TH

CREWKERNE: Crewkerne Awareness November Meeting. Guest Speaker: Terrie Birch Topic: Understanding Astrology Charts. At Meeting Room, Unitarian Chapel. Time: 7pm-9.30pm. Admission £2.50 (Includes Light Refreshments). Everyone Welcome. Further details telephone Anastasia 01460 351019.

MISTERTON: Christmas Bingo for Misterton based organisations at the Village Hall. Doors open 6.30pm, eyes down 7.30pm. Great prizes, raffle, tombola.

CREWKERNE: Bridge Club from 2pm to 3pm at Henhayes Centre. Please contact 01460 74340 if you are interested in joining

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 18TH

CREWKERNE: Bingo at George Reynolds Sports Centre. Doors 6.30pm, eyes down 7.30pm. In aid of Crewkerne Football Club.

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WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 19TH

TATWORTH: Free Tea & Talk "A Life in the Theatre". At Brewer Room, Tatworth Memorial Hall, 2pm. Organised by Tatworth & Forton Active Living. For more details call 01460 220198

CREWKERNE: Bingo at Henhayes Centre – Cash prizes – "eyes down" at 2.30pm.

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 20TH

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Buffalo Gals return to Clapton and Wayford Village Hall

WITH the support of Take Art, the popular Old Time Country String Band - Buffalo Gals - will be making a return visit to Clapton & Wayford on Friday, November 14th at 7.30pm.

Buffalo Gals are at the forefront of the American roots music scene in the UK and Europe, and represent a revival of the string band tradition in its most vibrant form. Led by Kate Lissauer, their intoxicating style incorporates Appalachian, Blues, Gospel, early Bluegrass and novelties from the heyday of early country music, and is punctuated with the stunning, syncopated step-dance that has become one of their trademarks.

One of the most highly regarded acts on the roots music circuit, Buffalo Gals regularly appear at folk, bluegrass and performing arts festivals, folk clubs, arts centres, and – with the support of the Arts Council - at rural touring venues throughout the UK.

For more information about the Buffalo Gals see www.katelissauer.com To book tickets for their show on Friday, November 14th at 7.30pm, phone 01460 74849 or 01460 72769 or 01460 77062. Tickets are priced at £12 for adults, £6 for under 18s, £30 for a family of 2 adults & 2 children; this includes a hot supper during the interval. There is also a licensed bar.

Booking is essential to avoid disappointment; Take Art events are always popular.

The Buffalo Gals are performing at Clapton and Wayford Village Hall, Clapton, (near Crewkerne) TA18 8PS

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THE Gateway will be showing Rossini's ***Barber of Seville***, performed by the Met Opera, live from New York.

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The performance will be shown live on Saturday, November 22nd at 5.55pm, with doors opening 5.30pm. The show is approximately 3hours 30 minutes long.

Tickets are £15 in advance, £17.50 on the door, online at www.seatongateway.co.uk, calling 01297 625699. A bar and refreshments are available.

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THE following afternoon, Sunday, November 23rd, will see The Gateway showing a live performance of ***The Pharaoh's Daughter*** from the Bolshoi Ballet, Moscow.

With its exotic setting, impressive parades, spectacular variations and crowd scenes, this grand 19th-century Orientalist fantasy is one of the most remarkable productions in the Bolshoi's repertoire. The main roles are danced by Bolshoi principals Svetlana Zakharova, Nina Kaptsova and Ruslan Skvorstov. Choreography by Marius Petipa, and the composer is Cesare Pugni.

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You are invited to sponsor a light on the 'Tree of Light' which will be placed at the entrance to The Antques Bazaar, Kit Hill. All money raised will be used to support projects within the local community of Crewkerne and surrounding villages.

The Club are extremely grateful for the support of Anthony Bucke and the Antques Bazaar and hope that the community project will be here in Crewkerne for years to come.

The Tree will be lit on Friday, December 5th at 6.00pm and all sponsors will be invited to the short Dedicaton Service with Christmas Carols. There will be music by St Bartholomew's School and the Antques Bazaar will remain open afer the Tree is lit and refreshments will be available.

CREWKERNE LIONS CLUB

CREWKERNE Lions Club thank Anthony Bucke for allowing this project to take place at The Antques Bazaar.

All proceeds will be used to support projects within the local community. The Club have recently purchased a life-saving defbrillator for £2,700, which will be placed on the outside wall of West One Surgery to use at any time in an emergency.

Crewkerne Lions Club has served the communites of the town and local villages since 1982. Annual events include the Duck Race, Fun weekend, Horse and Dog Show, and Christmas Draw, all raising valuable funds which are used locally.

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Volvo Cars Reveals New V60 Cross Country

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"We are delighted to add the third true Cross Country model to our product portfolio. The successful combination of dynamic styling and rugged capability places the V60 Cross Country in a class of its own," said Lex Kerssemakers, Senior Vice President Product Strategy and Vehicle Line Management at Volvo Cars.

In the UK, the Volvo V60 has continually been in the top 3 of the sales charts for Volvo since its launch. The V60 was refreshed in 2013 with a new front and rear, along with a host of feature updates. To further extend the appeal of the V60, at the end of 2014, the V60 received a brand new Drive-E engine from Volvo's own in-house designed and built engine platform, the 181hp, 2.0 litre, 4-cylinder, D4 diesel.

The V60 Cross Country will be offered in the UK with the D3 FWD, D4 FWD and D4 AWD. Prices and specification will be announced and orders will be able to be placed during quarter 1 of 2015. Production will commence for UK placed orders in May and deliveries are expected to start from late June.

Heritage

The Cross Country brand has a long and distinguished heritage. Volvo Cars was the first premium brand to offer increased all-road capability and styling on its estates as far back as 1997 when it introduced the V70 Cross Country, creating a whole new type of car experience that has since captured the imagination of the motoring public.

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Offering new Cross Country 18" and 19" wheels (tbc for the UK), the V60 Cross Country comes with high profile tyres, adding comfort and off-road aesthetics, reducing road noise and providing added wheel protection.

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Cayenne Gts: Resonant – In More Than Name Alone

PORSCHE reveals the new Cayenne GTS, a model that announces its outstanding sporting character in its very name. The letters GTS go back to the famous 904 Carrera GTS of 1963. In 2007, the Cayenne GTS became the first Porsche of the modern era to revive the acronym. Since then, at Porsche 'GTS' has stood for notably enhanced levels of dynamics, performance and driver involvement. At the same time as the launch of the GTS, a new entry-level model with the familiar 3.6-litre V6 petrol engine rounds off the Cayenne portfolio at the start of the range.

Porsche drivers like their car to be sporty – regardless of whether it has two doors or four. At 11 per cent, the GTS makes up a high proportion of the Cayenne model mix of what is currently the most successful range in the Porsche line-up, with the four-door sports cars for many years making a major contribution to the company's profitable growth. At the same time they ensure future investment in the broad spectrum of highly dynamic models offered across the entire portfolio.

It is not only the name of the Cayenne GTS that is resonant. The 3.6-litre V6 bi-turbo engine is the performance-oriented enhancement of the new power unit presented in the Cayenne S. Its consumption is lower and it delivers improved levels of performance. Compared with the previous model with a V8 naturally aspirated engine, power output increases by 20 hp to 440 hp and torque by 85 Nm to 600 Nm, while fuel consumption goes down by up to 0.9 l/100 km. The Cayenne GTS accelerates from 0 to 62 mph in 5.2 seconds, or just 5.1 seconds with the optional Sport Chrono package. That's 0.5 and 0.6 seconds respectively less than the previous model. Top speed is 162 mph. As standard it has a sports exhaust system, which provides the familiarly deep GTS soundtrack.

Thanks to its chassis the Cayenne GTS captivates drivers with its unmistakable lateral dynamics. The Porsche Active Suspension Management (PASM) damping system has a sporty set-up. With the standard steel-spring suspension the vehicle sits 24 mm lower, while with the optional air suspension the figure is 20 mm. Further standard features include the brakes from the Cayenne Turbo with 390 mm discs on the front axle (358 mm at the back), inclusive of brake callipers painted red in typical Turbo fashion.

Other design attributes also turn the Cayenne GTS externally into a particularly sporty vehicle. As standard it has the Turbo nose section with large air intakes and the Sport Design package, including more contoured side sills and wheel arch extensions. The latter, like the roof spoiler and lower rear of the vehicle, are painted body colour. Black provides some striking contrasts: all lettering is in this colour, as are the 20-inch wheels in the RS Spyder design, the exhaust tailpipes, the bi-xenon headlights' inner apertures and the fitment of darkened LED rear lights. There's a new feature on the front doors: striking GTS lettering.

The sporting character continues on the inside. Eight-way electrically adjustable GTS sports seats in leather/Alcantara upholstery, including 'GTS' lettering on the head restraints, are fitted as standard. Alcantara is the most apparent material used inside the car. The interior GTS package is optionally available in carmine red or rhodium silver with rev counter face, decorative stitching, head-restraint lettering and safety belts in contrasting colour.

The Cayenne and Cayenne GTS are celebrating their world premieres on 19 November at the 2014 Los Angeles Auto Show. Sales of both models commence immediately, with the Cayenne priced at £49,576 RRP and the Cayenne GTS at £72,523 RRP.

▲ Cayenne GTS

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scrum-down local rugby news

Depleted Chard's hopes go West

Weston-super-Mare 36 Chard 7
National League Three (south-west)

AFTER a terrific performance against Brixham the previous week Chard were again hit by injury and unavailability and turned up at Weston with a much changed side both in terms of personnel and positions *writes Glyn Hughes*.

The bottom line is though you can only play with what you've got and the team that ran out at Weston put in a good shift but on the day they were outplayed and no one could deny that the home side thoroughly deserved to win.

Chard had an absolutely disastrous start when an intended clearance kick from Mike Lawton got charged down by Weston Flanker Shaun Eaton who scored in the corner after only 26 seconds! Fly half Chris Young converted .

Some loose tackling allowed Weston's other flanker Paul Morrissey to get try number two and, with Young again converting, Chard as against Barnstaple a few weeks ago found themselves 14pts down with the game still in its infancy.

Chard did then get into the game a little but the worrying thing for them was that for the first time this season they were struggling up front in both the loose and the tight and this would clearly affect the control they had over the ball.

The hosts increased their lead with their third try when scrum half Hayden Tuttiet went over, but this time, fortunately for Chard, the try was not converted.

The visitors then enjoyed their best spell of the game and showed what they could do when they got themselves into a good position.

Weston were driven backwards and prop Luke Aplin spotted a gap in the home defence and scored a fine try. Lawton converted and the signs at this time were that Chard could possibly get back into the game.

However, not for the first time this season, Chard conceded a try from the last play of the half when some slack tackling allowed centre Harry Jones to cross for the bonus point try for Weston who led 24-7 at the interval.

In the second half Chard were clearly chasing the game and when this is the case the heart often rules the head and they were guilty of what appeared from the touchline to be some strange decision making but as everybody knows the game is much easier for the spectators than the players!

Chard were struggling to win both scrum and lineout ball and conceded two more tries when they had clear possession turned over and the by now rampant Weston pack were having a field day and set up two further tries to put the game out of sight.

There is no league game tomorrow so hopefully several of the players carrying knocks will have some time to recover and give something for the selectors and coaches to think about.

But it does now appear now that influential number eight forward Jim Wagstaff and centre Lee Massey could well be out for a very lengthy spells with knee injuries.

Chard team: *Stead, Mays, Harrison, Lawton, Massey (J) Douglas, Selway, Biss, Robinson, Aplin, Henley, Gosden, Wright, Parsons(capt) Twigg. Replacements Tinley, Sugar, Johnson (all used)*

Despite being hit with call ups from the 1st xv - which included their captain and vice-captain **Chard 2nd xv** - had a really good 27-8 win at home against North Petherton but the **3rd xv** were well beaten 62-0 by Frome.

The only game at Chard tomorrow will take place on the main pitch kick off 2pm when a Chard vets xv will entertain Castle Cary Vets.

Nat League 3 SW	Pld	+/-	Pts
Exmouth	9	157	37
Hornets	9	95	35
Redingsensians	8	151	34
Brixham	8	84	34
Newton Abbot	9	7	29
Bracknell	9	76	27
Old Centralians	9	-10	24
Oxford Harlequins	9	23	23
Bournemouth	9	-74	16
Old Redcliffians	9	-62	15
Old Patesians	9	-36	15
Weston-super-Mare	9	-80	12
Barnstaple	9	-120	11
CHARD	9	-211	2

CREWKERNE 2NDS suffered a 51-37 defeat at Yatton 3rds last weekend. Alex Cannell (3), Max Cranage and Lewis MacFarlane scored the tries for the Tigers who led 27-17 at half-time and had MacFarlane taken off to hospital with a dislocated shoulder.

Meanwhile, CREWKERNE 1STS went down to a 26-12 home defeat at the hands of Chew Valley 2nds.

Somerset One	Pld	+/-	Pts
Hornets II	8	172	38
Chew Valley II	8	307	36
Cheddar Valley	8	96	32
Bridgwater & Alb II	8	97	30
Bristol Barbarians	8	130	27
CREWKERNE	8	102	25
Castle Cary	8	-1	25
Old Sulians	8	97	21
Keynsham II	8	-76	14
Yatton II	8	-133	13
Midsomer Norton II	8	-417	6
CHARD II	8	-160	5
Wellington II	8	-106	5
North Petherton II	8	-108	2

◆ **TIGERS:** Crewkerne RFC 2nd XV pictured before the recent 79-15 victory over neighbours Chard 3rds. Crewkerne currently sit fifth in the Somerset Division Three South table following last weekend's 51-37 defeat at Yatton 3rds. The team's shirts are sponsored by local solicitor Mike Williamson (pictured on left).

skittles round-up

CREWKERNE

Division One	Pld	Pts
Lost Boys	6	56
Coachmen	6	54
Royal Oak Drimpton	6	41
Head Hunters	6	40
Football Club	6	37
Mighty Ducks	6	35
Super Sexy Six	6	34
King Willy Dogs	6	34
Stray Cats	6	34
Rollers	6	26
Raptors	6	25
Perrott Monkeys	6	16

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Fryers	6	54
Loud n Proud	5	43
Fuddlers	5	33
Chis Colts	5	36
Brewers Bees	4	31
Merriott Fixers	4	27
Acorns	5	26
Rug Rats	5	26
Concorde	5	21
Skimmers	6	21
Muppets	5	17

Division Three	Pld	Pts
Oakley Doakleys	6	62
Sports 92	6	59
Pinbusters	6	56
Hill Billies	6	53
Beer Leg Boys	6	41
No Name Yet	6	37
Willy Low Flyers	6	30
Sandbaggers	6	25
Likely Lads	6	25
Ugly Ducklings	6	19
Rotary	6	17
Kings Men	6	8

ILMINSTER

Division One: Royal Oak Faces 336-11 (D.Manley 52) Ashill Inn 263-1 (W.Dopson 39), Ashill Boys 313-3 (S.Grinter 49) Rockey's Rollers 360-9 (F.Steed 62), Crown Royals 342-2 (S.Elswood 48) Crown Crusaders 352-10 (A.Sims 50), Rockey's Rollers 313-12 (F.Steed 47) Bell A 292-0 (G.Lawrence 46).

Division One	Pld	Pts
Flying Turkeys	8	73
Crown Crusaders	8	69
Rockey's Rollers	8	58
Ashill Inn	8	49
Flying Turkeys AS	7	48
Royal Oak Faces	8	46
Ashill Boys	8	38
Bell A	7	22
Crown Royals	8	17

Division Two: Kingshead 321-9 (Mark Tilley 44) Wyndham Warriors 310-3 (P.Kneeshaw 47), Cricketers 367-11 (B.Venn, M.Vickery 52) Ilton Choppers 338-1 (S.Lush 54), Wyndham Clangers 307-9 (N.Cherry 47) Bell Broadway 300-3 (O.Bishop 49), Hatch Eggs 336-1 (P.Earp 48) Nomads 391-11 (J.Thomas 56).

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Nomads	8	72
Cricketers	8	70
Bell Broadway	8	68
Hatch Beagles	8	66
Wyndham Warriors	8	42
King's Head	8	34
Wyndham Clangers	7	34
Ilton Choppers	7	18
Hatch Eggs	8	16

jack high bowls news

Lacey lands first ever Merriott singles title

CHARD *by Sandra Sumpter*

Chard A played a home match in the East Devon Short Mat League against SEATON CLIFF C and managed a very close 4-4 draw. Chard did take the shot difference by 57 shots to 54.

One of their singles players made a major contribution winning both of his games one of them 14-0!

In this week's MILFORD & DORMOR Mixed Triples League Royals just managed to beat Greyhounds 15-12.

The Greyhounds started well winning three ends but Royals fought back and the teams were even at 8-8 after nine ends.

Greyhounds managed to creep ahead again and kept that lead until end 12 when Royals overtook and clinched the win. contatc

In the match against Hurricanes league leaders Harlequins started well winning the first four ends but Hurricanes fought back.

At one stage Hurricanes had a run of four winning ends but each by only one shot which just wasn't enough to catch Harlequins who eventually won 14-10.

Chard also played a friendly against SOUTH PETHERTON. This was a game of two halves with Chard 29-16 behind when the teams stopped for tea.

After the interval Chard seemed to revive and found their form and took the second half by 30 shots to 7 finally winning 46-36.

Last Saturday Chard had their annual 'Battle of the Sexes' match. Last year the men's team, after a series of defeats won a very close match.

◆ **'TIL NEXT TIME:** Ladies team captain-for-the-day Glen Milner presents the 'Battle of the Sexes' shield to her husband George the Men's team captain.

This year was a different story. The men cruised to victory winning all four matches.

MERRIOTT SMBC *by Anne Weeks*

MERRIOTT Short Mat Bowls Club recently held its ANNUAL CHAMPIONSHIP which provided a most interesting day for all members, all of whom were striving to become the trophy recipients at the end of the day.

The Club was well pleased with the standard of play from all members, and especially from some of its newer members who gave many of the stalwarts some very hard fought matches.

At the end of the day the Singles Winner was John Lacey and runner-up Ian Glasson. Ian had a very close semi final match against Frank Smith, pipping him to a place in the final by just one point.

Both Ian and Frank have only been bowlers for about a year and have once again proved that this game is very compelling and exciting.

The Pairs competition also had some extremely close games with Norman Sumpter & Frank Smith winning over Gwen de Winter & Patrick Armstrong.

◆ MERRIOTT SMBC is keen to welcome new members who should contact 01460 73091 for club details.

◆ **COME AND JOIN US:** The Merriott Short Mat Bowls team is on the look out for new members, *see contact info on right*.

LOCAL FOOTBALL ROUND UP

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Beaminster heap misery on Missy

Chard hold title favourites - Barrington march on

Chard Town 4 Keynsham Town 1
Toolstation Division One – att: 75

CHARD Town deservedly banked all three points with a convincing win over fellow mid-tablers Keynsham Town at Zembard Lane last Saturday.

Sam Clark fired the Robins ahead midway through the first-half following good work from the livewire Ed Butcher only for the visitors to equalise on the stroke of half-time.

Undeterred, Louis Gillman headed Chard back in front on the hour mark and nodded home again to make it 3-1 in the 75th minute.

Soon after Clark completed the scoring with his 12th goal of the season.

Chard; J.Hutchings, B.Haines, L.Bailey (M.Scott 80), C.Mawford (J.Barfoot 75), A.Martin, J.Underwood, L.Gillman (N.Warren 82), G.Chlopecki, E.Butcher, S.Clark, O.Latas.

Chard Town 0 Barnstaple Town 0
Toolstation Division One – att: 78

ALTHOUGH this match finished as a goalless draw both sides played some attractive football to warm the spectators on a cold Wednesday night.

All credit to Chard for taking the league leaders all the way and indeed could have snatched a winner near the end.

In the first half The Robins had the best of the attacking play but were denied by visitors 'keeper James Thorne and the woodwork.

At the other end Chard 'keeper Jason Hutchings brought off several excellent saves in addition to a shot which cannoned off the Chard goal frame.

Midway through the second-half Barnstaple looked certain to score but great work again by Hutchings and the Chard defence saw the ball cleared.

At the other end Ed Butcher was causing all sorts of problems down the left flank and almost got the winner on 85 minutes with a shot that flew just wide.

A Chard spokesman said: "This was a great team effort but Leigh Bailey was a tower of strength in the middle of the defence."

The only down side for Chard were injuries to Sam Clark and Jamie Underwood, together with a badly cut leg for Scott Holland just before the half hour.

Chard: J.Hutchings, L.Bailey, B.Haines, A.Martin, S.Holland (J.Barfoot 28), J.Underwood (N.Warren 46), G.Chlopecki, L.Gillman, S.Clark (M.McCormack 46), E.Butcher, O.Latas. Sub not used; B.Mear.

DEVON & EXETER LEAGUE

CHARD TOWN RESERVES and ILMINSTER TOWN RESERVES return to league action tomorrow.

Chard, currently fifth in the Premier Division, travel to face Bow AAC who are still morning the tragic death of Nick Cole who collapsed on the pitch during the game with Thorverton three weeks ago.

◆ **IN FORM:** Leigh Bailey starred in Chard's superb 0-0 draw.

The Robins recorded a fine 5-1 win at Banwell in their Somerset Senior Cup second round tie last Saturday.

Goals from Dan Anjos, Ben Mear and James Boyland had Chard in control midway through the first-half.

Max Westlake added a fourth before the well-beaten hosts pulled one back before the break.

Boyland rounded off the scoring with his second midway through the second-half.

Chard will now entertain Clutton in a last 32 tie on December 12th.

Ilminster were without a fixture and are now bottom of Divison Five ahead of tomorrow's visit by fourth-placed Sandford.

SOMERSET LEAGUE

THE Somerset Senior Cup-tie at the Rec went with form as Ilminster Town breezed past lower league opposition in the shape of Churchill Club.

Former Thorncombe striker Harry Hosiene led the way with a double while Alex Paul, Chris Nezianya and Taylor Jefferson had the others in a comfortable 5-0 win.

The Blues will travel to face either Hengrove Reserves or Welton Rovers on December 6th with a place in the last 16 at stake.

Ilminster are in Premier/Division One knockout cup action tomorrow when they travel to Stockwood Lane to take on Cutters Friday (2pm ko).

Combe St Nicholas failed to emulate Ilminster when they crashed out of the Somerset Senior Cup beaten 5-2 at home against Dorset Senior Legaue outfit South Cheriton United. Chris Warry and Josh Chadwick scored the Combe goals.

Tomorrow The Saints turn their attention to the Division Two (west) League Cup and a trip to face Uphill Castle (2.30ko).

PERRY STREET LEAGUE PREMIER

Misterton 0 Beaminster 25

THERE was no doubt about last weekend's stand out result as Beaminster racked up their record score in the Perry Street League, and third highest of all-time, as crisis-club Misterton were left embarrassed on their own Unity Lane turf in a totally one-side Perry Street League Premier Division clash.

Josh Hunter led the way in front of goal with an incredible personal tally of 12 as Beaminster scored three times in the opening three minutes and led 14-0 at half-time!

Greg Channing waded in with five with the others coming from Josh Baker (2), Robin Jones (2), Dean Hyett, Dan Pyett, Luke Hayter and Billy Fleet.

The hosts' misery was compounded when they had player-manager Joe Djeebet, who resigned after the game, dismissed by referee Lance Turner.

◆ The record score is Charmouth's 32-0 thrashing of Stockland back in August 1960 when Colin Bowditch scored 14 times.

Misterton are keen to move on from this result and are urgently in need of new players. Anyone interested should call Matt Atkinson on 484058.

Crewkerne Town 1 Lyme Regis Res 0

CREWKERNE Town were grateful for a late Mark Batey own goal against a plucky Lyme Reserves side at Henhayes.

It looked like the Seasiders would become the first team this season to take points off their hosts despite having to play virtually all the second half with a substitute keeper.

But with the game in the last minute of normal time Adam Dawe chested a lofted cross down before firing in a shot that substitute keeper Ryan Turner blocked with his outstretched foot.

The ball dropped next to the grounded Batey who, in trying to scoop it clear, inadvertently turned it back past the now equally prostrate Turner from six yards.

The second-half was only three minutes old when Lyme keeper MarkTozer had to be replaced after he had parried Jamie Spurdle's 35-yard free kick, and was injured as he bravely blocked the rebound as Batey and Jonny Manley reacted.

The new keeper was soon in action saving Riste's shot with his leg, the ball looping in the air where Dave John headed it against the crossbar.

Crewkerne had to thank keeper Matt Bisgrove for a superb double save midway through the second-half.

Perry Street 2 W & M Chinnock 1

LEADERS West & Middle Chinnock's unbeaten league run was ended at Tatworth.

A disputed penalty gave the hosts the lead on the half-hour – referee Martin Ives spotted a handball by Damian Hart and Dan O'Connor tucked away the spot-kick.

◆ **TOP SCORER:** Dan Smith moved up to 21 for the season with four against Ilminster Colts

The lead was doubled two minutes later when The Chinns' back line was caught out by a long ball and Brad Cleal made them pay.

Nic Bond pulled one back for the visitors in the 52nd minute but the Mothers defended well to see out the win.

Shepton Beau 9 Ilminster Colts 1

SHEPTON Beauchamp's 11th successive home win sees them join West & Middle Chinnock at the top of the Premier Division.

A goal from 16-year-old debutant Andrew Carvel had the Colts ahead until the 35th minute when Aaron Stayner tapped in the equaliser. Kris Hastings headed the hosts in front soon after and they never looked back.

The league's top scorer Dan Smith scored four after the turnaround - the last of which was a fierce drive and the pick of the bunch.

Dan Peach (2) and Stayner completed the rout as the Colts conceded nine for the third game in succession.

South Petherton 3 Combe Reserves 1

SOUTH Petherton's recent good form continued with a deserved win at Lightgate Lane.

Haydn Smith put Pethy ahead and Danny Rendall made it 2-0 at the break.

Jordan Allen reduced the arrears with 15 minutes to go but Lee Richards made sure there would be no slip up by the hosts, who also struck the woodwork twice, with an 85th minute strike.

Around the Divisions

BARRINGTON laid down a sizeable marker as they hammered **Division One** title rivals Winsham United 6-0 up at Shelway Lane.

Headers from Sam Spurway and James Thompson from Andy Whitefield corners put the hosts 2-0 up. Guy Dare and Ian Masters doubled the advantage before the interval.

Andy Whitefield and Dare added to the tally in the second-half.

Over at the Davey Fort a late 25-yarder from Lee Richardson salvaged a point for Forton Rangers in a 1-1 draw with Lyme Regis Bantams.

Meanwhile, goals from Renarto Silva (2) and Tiago Casimiro helped Luso-Chard to their first away points of the season and opened up a six point gap on the bottom two.

In **Division Two** first-half goals from Ryan Hobbie and Neil Reed saw Combe A leapfrog over hosts Beaminster Reserves and out of the bottom two.

Still anchored to the foot of the table are Ilminster Town A who remain in the red in the points column after a 6-1 beating by Crewkerne Rangers.

Simon Denslow helped himself to a quickfire hat-trick inside the opening half-hour.

Steve Dunkerton, Jack Blunn and Scott Isaacs made up the half-dozen before Sam Caddy put through his own goal in the 90th minute for the Blues' consolation.

Karl Smith was another of the day's hat-trick heroes as Thorncombe Res thrashed Dowlish & Donyatt 6-0 in the **Division Three** clash at Lightgate Lane.

Gary Parsley (2) and top-scorer Ash Allen were also on target for the Thorns whose star man was centre-back Wayne Stanton.

Kingsbury remain well placed in second spot courtesy of goals from Jake Russell (2), Luke Monk and Nigel Jefferys in a 4-0 win over Shepton Beauchamp Res.

But Barrington Res are in pole-position after a 2-0 win at lowly Millwey Res. After a goal-less first-half MoM Luke Woodard and Tom Butler both got on the end of Chris Butler corners to clinch the win for Neil Martin's side.

Meanwhile, two of the strugglers fought out a 1-1 draw at Hinton where Merriott Dynamos were held by Chard Rangers.

A Kieran Bailey strike had the Dynamos ahead at the interval but Scott Curtis tucked away a 76th minute penalty to earn a point for Rangers who also had two Scott Marshall goals, one in each half, ruled out by referee Stuart Paull. Ross Barrett took the Rangers MoM award.

Chard United Res moved up to third place with a 3-2 win over visiting South Petherton Res.

A Jamie Brown double put Chard in the driving seat at half-time after Pethy had hit the woodwork three times early on.

Sixteen-year-old Matt Darby pulled one back for Pethy before Liam Male moved into double figures for the season with what proved to be the winner despite Jimmy Rees' 75th minute consolation.

Pethy manager Berry Kench rued his depleted side playing for 80 minutes carrying one player who was suffering from dizziness after an early collision.

Down in **Division Four** a Ross Jewell goal couldn't save Hinton from a 4-1 home defeat at the hands of in-form Uplyme Res.

Over at Forton goals from Steve Barnes and Steve Egan earned bottom side Chard United AllStars a point after a 2-2 draw with visitors Winsham United Res. Matt Crabb and Richard White netted for the Winsh.

◆ **PROLIFIC:** Colin Bowditch's record-breaking 14-goal haul came under threat on Saturday.

Finally, Drimpton Res led twice before going down 4-3 at home against fellow strugglers Farway United Res.

Chris Fry (2) and Andy Jeffrey scored the Greens' consolations.

RESULTS - November 1st

DEVON INTERMEDIATE CUP
Alphington 3 Millwey Rise 7
DORSET JUNIOR CUP R2
Netherbury 6 Portland Town 0
Normalair RSL H-W Charmouth
PREMIER DIVISION
Crewkerne Town 1 Lyme Regis Res 0
Misterton 0 Beaminster 25
Perry Street 2 W & M Chinnock 1
Shepton Beauchamp 9 Ilminster Colts 1
South Petherton 3 Combe Res 1
DIVISION ONE
Barrington 6 Winsham Utd 0
Lyme Bantams 1 Forton Rangers 1
Pymore 1 Luso-Chard 3
DIVISION TWO
Beaminster Res 0 Combe A 2
Ilminster A 1 Crewkerne Rangers 6
DIVISION THREE
Chard Utd Res 3 South Petherton Res 2
Kingsbury 4 Shepton Beauchamp Res 0
Merriott Dynamos 1 Chard Rangers 1
Millwey Rise Res 0 Barrington Res 2
Thorncombe Res 6 Dowlish & Don 0
DIVISION FOUR
Chard Utd AS 2 Winsham Utd Res 2
Drimpton Res 3 Farway Utd Res 4
Hinton St George 1 Uplyme Res 4

FIXTURES – November 8th

DORSET INTERMEDIATE (1.30)
Wyke Regis SC v Lyme Regis Res

DORSET JUNIOR CUP (1.30)
Waytown Hounds v Pymore
DORSET MINOR CUP (1.30)
UFC Poundbury v Thorncombe Res

SOMERSET JUNIOR CUP (1.45)
Banwell v West & Middle Chinnock
Combe Res v Milborne Port
Saltford v Crewkerne Town

PREMIER (all 2.30)
Beaminster v Shepton Beauchamp
Misterton v Perry Street
South Petherton v Ilminster Town Colts
DIVISION ONE
Farway Utd v Barrington
Luso-Chard v Chard Utd
Millwey Rise v Lyme Regis Bantams
Winsham Utd v Forton Rangers
DIVISION TWO
Combe A v Uplyme
Crewkerne Town Res v Beaminster Res
Drimpton v Thorncombe
Ilminster Town A v Charmouth

DIVISION THREE
Barrington Res v South Petherton Res
Dowlish & Dontatt v Kingsbury Episcopi
Hawkchurch Utd v Millwey Rise Res
Shepton Beau Res v Merriott Dynamos

DIVISION FOUR
Chard Rangers Res v Winsham Utd Res
Merriott Rovers v Combe B
Uplyme Res v Crewkerne Rangers Res

As they stand

Toolstation Div 1	Pld	+/-	Pts
Barnstaple Town	16	50	39
Ashton & Backwell	18	17	39
Wincanton Town	19	16	39
Cribbs	18	11	36
Welton Rovers	16	7	33
Almondsbury UWE	18	1	32
Corsham Town	17	14	31
CHARD TOWN	***19***	***-2***	***28***
Hengrove Athletic	18	3	27
Oldland Abbotonians	18	-8	27
Cheddar	18	-4	24
Calne Town	18	0	22
Devizes Town	19	-2	19
Keynsham Town	18	-17	19
Warminster Town	16	-4	18
Radstock Town	17	-8	18
Chippenham Park	15	1	17
Wells City	19	-5	17
Wellington	16	-8	15
Roman Glass St G	17	-17	15
Westbury United	19	-20	15
Portishead Town	17	-22	8

Somerset Premier	Pld	+/-	Pts
Shirehampton	14	21	37
Bishops Lydeard	14	3	28
Frome Collegians	14	11	25
Clutton	14	7	25
Watchet Town	13	13	24
Nailsea Utd	13	8	21
Cutters Friday	12	3	22
Minehead	14	1	20
Wrington Redhill	13	-2	19
Yatton Athletic	14	-11	19
Fry Club	12	-1	17
ILMINSTER TOWN	***14***	***-15***	***15***
Bridgwater Town Res	12	-2	14
Berrow	14	-9	13
Broad Plain House	14	-5	10
Stockwood Green	13	-10	10
Odd Down Res	12	-7	9
Nailsea Town	13	-9	8

Somerset Div 2W	Pld	+/-	Pts
Winscombe	8	33	21
Kewstoke Lions	9	18	21
Worle	10	18	20
Uphill Castle	7	7	16
COMBE St NICHOLAS	***7***	***12***	***15***
Clevedon Utd Res	10	0	12
Cheddar Res	8	-5	11
Taunton Utd 1610	8	0	10
Nailsea Utd Res	7	-3	10
Highbridge Town	8	10	9
Nailsea Town Res	9	-3	9
Churchill Club 70	8	-11	7
Burnham Utd Res	9	-37	3
Weston St Johns Res	7	-40	1

D & E Premier	Pld	+/-	Pts
Tiverton Town Res	10	35	27
Heavitree Utd	10	17	22
Feniton	6	20	16
Elmore	8	5	16
CHARD TOWN RES	***10***	***7***	***15***
Topsham Town	7	21	12
Hatherleigh Town	6	9	12
Sidbury Utd	7	5	12
Newtown	11	-9	12
Thorverton	6	12	10
Exeter University Res	8	0	10
Beer Albion	7	-5	10
Bow AAC	7	-8	5
Seaton Town	8	-11	5
Willand Rovers Res	11	-16	5
Budleigh Salterton Res	12	-82	1

D & E Division 5	Pld	+/-	Pts
Uplowman Athletic	8	12	19
Feniton Res	8	13	18
Sampford Peverell	8	15	16
Sandford	7	10	16
Fluxton	6	11	13
Otterton	9	0	13
Honiton Town Res	7	7	10
Winkleigh	5	6	9
Priory	4	3	9
Halwill Res	6	-6	6
Hatherleigh Town Res	8	-19	6
Starcross Generals	6	-5	4
Stoke Hill	9	-23	4
ILMINSTER TOWN RES	***9***	***-24***	***3***

PSDL Premier	Pld	+/-	Pts
West & Middle Chinnock	7	25	18
Shepton Beauchamp	7	24	18
Perry Street	8	18	16
Crewkerne Town	4	14	12
South Petherton	6	10	10
Beaminster	7	18	9
Combe St Nicholas Res	7	0	6
Lyme Regis Res	7	-10	6
Misterton	7	-56	3
Ilminster Town Colts	6	-43	0

Division One	Pld	+/-	Pts
Barrington	6	25	18
Winsham Utd	8	13	18
Millwey Rise	6	13	13
Forton Rangers	8	1	11
Netherbury	7	0	11
Lyme Regis Bantams	7	-1	11
Chard Utd	8	2	10
Luso-Chard	7	-7	9
Pymore	8	-16	3
Farway Utd	7	-30	0

Division Two	Pld	+/-	Pts
Drimpton	8	28	22
Crewkerne Town Res	6	15	16
Thorncombe	7	12	15
Waytown Hounds	9	3	13
Crewkerne Rangers	8	-4	13
Charmouth	9	-13	7
Uplyme	5	2	6
Combe St Nicholas A	6	-8	5
Beaminster Res	8	-5	4
Ilminster Town A	6	-30	-2*

Division Three	Pld	+/-	Pts
Barrington Res	7	13	17
Kingsbury Episcopi	8	13	17
Chard Utd Res	7	5	15
Dowlish & Donyatt	7	6	12
South Petherton Res	7	5	10
Thorncombe Res	8	-3	10
Hawkchurch Utd	5	1	6
Shepton Beau Res	6	-11	6
Merriott Dynamos	6	-6	5
Millwey Rise Res	6	-11	3
Chard Rangers	5	-12	2

Division Four	Pld	+/-	Pts
Combe St Nicholas B	7	22	19
Merriott Rovers	6	33	18
Uplyme Res	7	8	15
Hinton St George	6	4	10
Crewkerne Rangers Res	7	-1	9
Winsham Utd Res	8	-4	9
Farway Utd Res	5	-2	6
Chard Rangers Res	6	-9	6
Drimpton Res	9	-12	6
Chard Utd All Stars	9	-39	4

*= points deducted

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Chard swim to second place in first League Gala

A SQUAD of 34 swimmers represented Chard Swimming Club in the recentRound One of the Western Division NATIONAL SWIMMING LEAGUE held in Western-super-Mare *writes Hannah Pullinger*.

Chard fought a close duel in the pool against rivals Carn Brea gaining an outstanding 24 top three positions in the 50 events, with seven first positions.

This performance enabled them to finish second overall, producing a great result on their first appearance after promotion to Division One last season.

Individual top three places went to:

Open: Tessa Down 17, 1st 100m Breaststroke, Melissa Hanson 16, 2nd 100m Backstroke and 3rd 200m Individual Medley, Hannah Pullinger 18, 3rd 100m freestyle

15/Under: Lewis Pearson 15, 1st 100m free, 2nd 100m backstroke, Bea Brett 14, 1st 100m Butterfly and 2nd 100m backstroke, Hope Horsfield 15, 2nd 100m Free, Xanteh Dyer 13, 3rd 100m breaststroke

13/Under: Henry Taswell 13, 1st 100m Backstroke and 100m freestyle, Leo Kindred 13, 1st 100m breaststroke, Joss Copeman 13, 3rd 100m butterfly, Xanthe Dyer 13, 3rd 100m breaststroke, Baylei Callow 13, 3rd 100m butterfly.

11/Under: Millie Downes 10, 1st 50m breaststroke

The **Relay Teams** also showed some determined swimming, with seven top three positions including a first place going to the Boys 13/Under Medley team of Henry Taswell, Leo Kindred, Joss Copeman and Simon Davis, and second place to both the Girls and Boys 15/Under Freestyle teams, the Boys 15/Under Medley team and the Boys 13/Under Freestyle team. Both the Girls and Boys Open Freestyle teams secured third place in very closely fought final relays.

Full Team: GIRLS: *Hannah Pullinger, Tessa Down, Melissa Hanson, Lauren Harrison, Susan Ross, Hope Horsfield, Flo Swan, Bea Brett, Xanthe Dyer, Megan Herbert, Baylei Callow, Briana Barrand, Millie Downes, Abi Greenslade, Harriet Copeman, Imogen Waterhouse*.

BOYS: *Joe Spurway, Oliver Bilbie, Jamie Pullinger, Jay Kindred, Lewis Pearson, Iain Ross, Ben Greenslade, Oliver Lenthall, Henry Taswell, Leo Kindred, Simon Davis, Joss Copeman, Oliver Rodger, Oliver Bright, Louis Rood , Jimmy Brett Jamie Porter, Will Hawkins*.

◆ Twenty-three swimmers aged nine and upwards took part over two days achieving many personal best times.also took part in the recent SOMERSET DEVELOPMENT MEET aimed at young and in-experienced swimmers looking to try to achieve County times for next spring.

Top three medal positions were achieved by Paul Harrison 15, 2nd 200m breaststroke, 3rd 200m backstroke, Joss Copeman 13, 1st 200m freestyle, 200m backstroke, 100m freestyle, 100m butterfly, Simon Davis 1st 200m Individual Medley, 2nd 100m backstroke, 3rd 200m free, 200, 100 and 50m breaststroke, Xanthe Dyer 13, 2nd 100m freestyle, Briana Barrand 10, 1st 100m Individual Medley, 2nd 200m free, 50m breaststroke and Grace Lambert 9, 1st 50m freestyle, 2nd 200m breaststroke.

◆ For more information about Chard & District Swimming Club please visit www.chardswimming.org.uk

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Nine-man Chard worth a point

North Devon 3 Chard A 2

A NUMBER of controversial decisions which left Chard playing for 20 second half minutes with 10 players and five minutes with only nine denied the 2nd XI what would have been a thoroughly deserved point at Barnstaple after a stirring comeback.

Chard were two goals down at half-time and could have had few complaints at that score line.

North Devon had started the more positive and Chard were hesitant, at times unsure in their marking and gave the ball away too often with hit and hope tactics through the middle.

Both goals came from penalty corners, the second just before the break and the home side must have thought the game was in the bag.

However, Chard's half-time examination of their tactics and how they needed to change saw an immediate improvement with greater attacking threat from both wings and more cohesive and accurate passing in the centre of the pitch.

North Devon were on the back foot and only a double save from their long serving keeper, including an amazing reaction stop from Dan Stone's flick from close range preserved the two goal cushion.

But Stone and Chard were not to be denied a few minutes later when James Spurdle's searing run into the D caused panic in the home defence. The ball deflected off both keeper and a defender and fell kindly for Stone to poach the goal.

Chard had the impetus now only for the first of the game-turning sin-binnings.

Steve Mahoney was shown yellow for allegedly knocking the ball away in midfield after a free hit had been awarded.

The decision was the more astounding given that a similar incident in the same area of the pitch in the first half involving a North Devon player had not even earned him a word of caution.

With the man advantage the home side pressed with a series of penalty corners and, despite the heroics of Berge Balian in goal, they added their third to restore the two-goal lead.

With Chard back to a full 11, they took up the challenge again and captain Gareth Eggle showed a cool head in the D before slipping the ball past keeper and defenders for Stone to flick into the net from a yard out to make it 2-3.

Cue the next controversy. Jason Goddard conceded a free hit inside the North Devon half which was quickly taken.

Goddard nipped in with a tackle and the ball ricocheted off the ankles of the home player for what looked like a free hit to Chard.

The decision to allow North Devon to retake their free hit was mystifying and Goddard made his feelings known, earning him a yellow card for dissent, followed by one for Eggle as further punishment for comments made by Goddard as he left the pitch.

Eggle was off for five minutes, during which North Devon were unable to take advantage of their superior numbers, Goddard remaining off the pitch for the rest of the game.

Chard's second half improvement and serious challenge for a point were aided greatly by some excellent work on both wings from their younger contingent, notably Danny Grabham, Harry Felgate and Kyle Anderson while Fraser Lewis was industrious throughout in midfield.

It was also good to see veteran Trevor Goss return to the side after a spell out with an Achilles injury.

Team: *Berge Balian, Danny Grabham, Dave Lury, Paul Tratt, Steve Mahoney, Jason Goddard, James Spurdle, Harry Felgate, Gareth Eggle (capt), Dan Stone (vice), Kyle Anderson, Fraser Lewis, Trevor Goss.*

South-East 2 table	Pld	GD	Pts
Bridgwater B	5	30	15
North Devon A	5	15	12
West Dorset A	5	3	12
Ashmoor A	5	7	7
Bridgwater C	5	7	7
CHARD A	5	9	6
Sidmouth & Ottery C	5	-11	6
Sidmouth & Ottery D	4	-15	3
Minehead B	5	-19	3
Taunton Vale D	4	-26	0

◆ AVISHAYES U16s who currently lie third in the Taunton Youth League after a fine 2-1 win at second placed Hamilton last Sunday. Line-up, standing from left; Fraser Lewis, Danny Grabham, Tim Pedlar, Matt Baker, Tom Jane, Emil Szydekko, Neil Parkes, Owen Richardson. Front: Brad Minchinton, Dyllon Warren-Smith, Tom Rawles, Angelo Moreira, Will Allen. *Photo by IAN HALLETT*

Castle Neroche conquered

CHARD Road Runners were involved in some local action recently at the CASTLE NEROCHE, HEREPATH HALF - a very challenging mainly off-road race with the diversion on the footpaths an additional loop was put in place through a nice muddy section at the top of the Hilly course

With a strong field from all over the South West, Martin Holley set the pace for CRR's although Richard Cave put the challenge down passing Martin and holding position until the last water-stop where Martin overtook again.

Gavin Wyatt took to the mud well smiling all the way round, but the next battle was between Maria Wadey and Paul Fraser with just a minute separating them at the end of 13.1 miles it was a real gutsy performance by Fraser who choose this race as a comeback from injury.

Thinking nothing of the hills, mud, cattle and stream crossings were Julie Bindon, Claire Gibbs and Helen Baxter who took to the challenge with gusto keeping good pace across the changing terrain and finishing strongly all had excellent races.

Results	Posn (124)	Time
Martin Holley	22	1:51:05s
Richard Cave	29	1:54:12
Gavin Wyatt	55	2:08:33
Maria Wadey	72	2:16:45
Paul Fraser	80	2:17:54
Julie Bindon	92	2:28:20
Claire Gibbs	103	2:36:35
Helen Baxter	110	02:41:13

◆ CHARD Road Runners pictured at the 'Castle Neroche Herepath Half'. Back row, from left; Gavin Wyatt, Martin Holley, Claire Gibbs, Richard Cave, Helen Baxter, Julie Bindon. Front; Paul Fraser, Chris Wadey (support crew) Maria Wadey.

Chard Darters celebrate

◆ **ON THE OCHE:** More from the recent Chard Darts league Summer Presentation evening - (left) Zoe Hallett - Runner-up in the Women's Singles and (right) Grease's Gang - the Mixed 3s winners.